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TAGS : ETRD, SP

SUBJECT; SPANISH FILM RESTRICTIONS

REF : MADRID 3483

1. DRAFTING OFFICE HAD NOT SEEN EMBASSY' S 3343 AND REGRETS
DELAY IN ANSWERING POINTS RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THAT
CABLE.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY THAT MULTILATERAL
APPROACH IS MORE EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE AND THAT SEPARATE
EMBASSY REPRESENTATION NEED NOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME.
DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF FIAP VISIT, HOWEVER, IT MAY PROVE
USEFUL TO CONSIDER EMBASSY REPRESENTATION IN FUTURE.
DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT BEST APPROACH IN ANY SUCH REPRESENTATION
WOULD BE TO EMPHASIZE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS. THE
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GOS VS. SINDICATO QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO CEILINGS IS UNDERSTOOD AND MPEAA IS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM.

3. BECAUSE OF SUCH POINTS AS THAT RAISED IN MADRID 1130 WITH REGARD TO THE FACT THAT THE PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF DUBBED FILMS HAS BEEN AN ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE FOR 30 YEARS, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH US MISSION OECD, DEPARTMENT CONCURRED WITH MISSION THAT THE SPANISH FILM RESTRICTIONS ONLY BE RAISED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REGULAR OECD EXAMINATION OF ALL FILM RESERVATIONS LODGED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES (SEE DEPARTMENT 85092 OF 5/4/73), AND NOT IN CONSULTATION WITH GOS. THAT REVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE SOMETIME IN FALL.

4. MPEAA WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH TRADE IMPAIRMENT STATISTICS SO THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO QUESTION OF RAISING THIS ISSUE IN THE GATT. MPEAA HAS ASKED THAT THE QUESTION OF A GATT APPROACH BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE OUTCOME OF THE FIAP MISSION IS KNOWN.

5. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT WHEN DATE IS SET FOR FIAP VISIT. RUSH

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